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- National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session – Ensuring Judicial Safety: Strategies to Protect Judges and Court Staff (February 6, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/njn-ensuring-judicial-safety-feb-6-2024 *
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- Addressing Issues That Arise in Family and Criminal Court Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors in the District of Columbia (August 25, 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/aug-2020-family-law-dc **
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- Getting it Right: Adoptions and Immigration Relief for Foreign-Born (January 23, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/njn-uscis-adoptions-jan-2024/ *
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- When State Family Law and Federal Immigration Law Intersect: Promoting Access to the Courts and Just Outcomes for Immigrants for the New Mexico Judicial Education Center (September 25, 2017). https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/september-15-2017-promoting-just-outcomes-courts. *

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- Promoting Justice: Understanding and Addressing Adultification of Children in Court (May 5, 2026)
- When Immigration Meets Child Welfare: Judicial Considerations in CHIPS Cases, (April 7, 2026)
- Let's Put Science First: Assessing Predatory Helpfulness and Coercive Control to More Accurately Understand Domestic Abuse and Sex Trafficking (December 8, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/predatory-helpfulness-njn-ovw-webinar-12-08-23 *
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- Trauma for Judges…Where do you see it? How you identify it? What do you do about it? (April 6, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/njn-peer-to-peer-session-april-6-2021-trauma *

Immigration Law Overview for State Court Judges

- Immigration Options for Survivors & Court's Role (November 4, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/njn-nov-4-2021-immigration-options-webinar *
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- State Court Findings for Youth Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (July 13, 2015) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/state-court-findings-for-abused-youth-seeking-special-immigrant-juvenile-status *

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- Domestic Violence and Involuntary Servitude as Human Trafficking (August 17, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dv-involuntary-servitude-dhs/ *
- Identifying Human Trafficking in Domestic Violence Relationships: How OTIP Letters and Certifications Can Enhance Access to Public Benefits and Services for Survivors of Trafficking and Their Children (October 10, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/dv-trafficking-otip-webinar *
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- Impact of DHS Enforcement Priorities on Courts: VAWA Confidentiality and Enforcement (August 21, 2018) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/jffnm2018 *
- NCJFCJ VAWA Confidentiality and Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic (October 31, 2017) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/oct2017vawaconfidentialitywebinar **
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Child Welfare Cases Involving Immigrant Families and Children

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- Expanding the Toolbox for Children in Immigrant Families: Tips and Tools for Child Welfare and Children's Courts" (March 23, 2022) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/mar-2021-ncjfcj **

- NCJFCJ Improving Child Welfare Practice for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence (June 20, 2018) https://www.ncjfcj.org/webcasts/improving-child-welfare-practice-for-immigrant-victims-of-domestic-violence/ +
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- ICE Interim Guidance: Civil Immigration Enforcement Actions In or Near Courthouses ICE Policy Number 11072.3 (January 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/2025-01_ice_courthouse_enforcement_guidance/ +

VAWA Confidentiality Statutes and Legislative History

- VAWA Confidentiality's Prohibited Source Bars, Immigration Case File Confidentiality Requirements, and Penalties for Violation 8 U.S.C. §1367 (January 6, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/8-usc-1367-penalties-for-disclosure-of-information/ +
- VAWA Confidentiality - Immigration Protected Locations for Victims 8 U.S.C. §1229(e): Certification of Compliance In Removal (January 6, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/8-usc-1229e-iniation-of-removal-proceedings/ (describing protected locations for immigrant victims with regard to immigration enforcement) +
  - 42 U.S.C. §12291(a)(5) defines the community-based organizations that have location protections https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/34-uscs-section-12291/ +
- Section 921. Prohibition of Adverse Determinations of Admissibility or Deportability Based on Protected Information -VAWA Confidentiality Legislative History (September 22, 2005) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-conf_house-leg-history-2005/ +

Department of Homeland Security 8 U.S.C. §1367 Instruction

- DHS VAWA Confidentiality Implementation - Instruction 002-02-001, Implementation of Section 1367 Information Provisions (May 28, 2019) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/implementation-of-section-1367-all-dhs-instruction-002-02-001/ (cited in 2025 memos) +

Handout For Courts to Provide to Immigration Enforcement Officials

- Letters That Promote ICE Compliance With 2025 Policies and Statutes https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/letters-that-promote-ice-compliance-with-2025-policies-and-statutes/
- Attachments A-D – ICE Courthouse Enforcement Guidance 11072.3 Jan.2025 and VAWA Confidentiality Statutes https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/attachments-a-d-ice-courthouse-handout/ +

- ICE January 2025 Victim Witness and Courthouse Enforcement Policies and VAWA Confidentiality Statutes and Policies nhttps://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/attachments-a-d-ice-courthouse-handout/ +

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Confidentiality Requirements – Full Bill

- 34 U.S.C. §12291(b)(2) VAWA Confidentiality provisions applying to the entire VAWA bill and all recipients of grants awarded under VAWA https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/34-uscs-section-12291+
- OVW, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the VAWA Confidentiality Provisions (34 U.S.C. §12291(b)(2)) (October 2017) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ovw-34-usc-12291-vawa-confidentlity-faq/ +

San Francisco and Santa Barabara California Policies

- San Francisco Superior Court, Responding to Immigration Enforcement Agency Request for Information and/or Immigration Enforcement Activity in Court Facilities Policy (February 4, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/san-francisco-courthouse-immigration-enforcement-policy-2-4-25/ +

- Superior Court of Santa Barbara, Responding to Immigration Enforcement Agency Requests for Information and/or Immigration Enforcement Activity in Court Facilities Policy (February 3, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/santa-barbara-immigration-policy-2-6-2025/ +

Executive Order

- Executive Order: Protecting the American People Against Invasion (January 20, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/2025-01-20_eoprotecting_the_american_people_against_invasion +

Materials by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services: Office of Policy and Strategy to National Judicial Network Judges

OP&S appreciates your request for informative materials to share with the National Judicial Network. Judges and court staff may be the first to see signs of violence and are in a unique position to provide information and assistance to noncitizens who have been victims of violence, human trafficking, or certain crimes. Below we have included a list of helpful materials and the links to each resource. The Policy Manual is the agency's centralized online repository for USCIS' immigration policies. Judges may sign up to receive timely policy updates on the USCIS Alerts page or contact Public Engagement to participate in engagement and outreach activities.

Informative Pamphlets Appropriate for Public Distribution:

- Immigration Options for Victims of Crimes (Violence Against Women Act, U Nonimmigrant Status, T Nonimmigrant Status)+
- Immigration Relief for Abused Children: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status +
- Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT) Continued Presence Pamphlet +

Informative Materials for Judges and Law Enforcement:

- T-Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide +
- CCHT Continued Presence Resource Guide +

USCIS Case Data

- Number of Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, by Fiscal Year, Quarter, and Case Status (FY2021, Q3) +
- Number of Form I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status, by Fiscal year, Quarter and Case Status (FY2021, Q3) +
- Number of Form I-360, with Classification as VAWA self-petitioner by Fiscal Year, Quarter and Case Status (FY2021, Q3) +
- Number of Form I-360 Petitions for Special Immigrant with Classification of Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) by Fiscal year, Quarter and Case Status (FY2022, Q1) +
- Immigration and Citizenship Data +

Relevant USCIS Public Webpages or Policy Manual Chapters

- USCIS Humanitarian Programs +
- DHS Gender Violence Brochure DHS Gender Based Violence Brochure (English) (October 2022) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs_genderbasedviolence + https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/publication/gender-based-pamphlets-and-flyers +
- Special Immigrant Juveniles +
  - Part J - USCIS Policy Manual Special Immigrant Juveniles +
  - Chapter 7- Adjustment of Status (Lawful Permanent Residency) Special Immigrant Juveniles +
- Victims of Trafficking +
- Policy Alert: T Nonimmigrant Status +
- Victims of Criminal Activity: U Nonimmigrant Status +
- Policy Alert: Bona Fide Determination Process for Victims of Qualifying Crimes +
- Battered Spouse, Children and Parents +
- Privacy and Confidentiality Provisions +

- Information for Afghan Nationals +

Training Materials, Tools, Publications, and Government Resources

Demographics Information

- **All State Demographics** for 51 jurisdictions covering demographics on foreign born population, percent of children in the state with foreign born parents, percent of the state's immigrant population who are naturalized citizens and lawful permanent residents, significant countries of origin for the state's foreign born population, primary languages of other than English spoken at home in the state and limited English proficiency in the state by country of origin. (June 5, 2018 updated August 23, 2022) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/demographics **

Resources on Stalking for Judges

- Judicial Officer Reminders for Stalking Behaviors (April 30, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/judicial-officer-reminders-for-stalking/ **
- Judicial Officer Checklist for Common Behaviors Associated with Stalking (March 2, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/stalking-checklist **
- Judicial Officer Guide Responding to Stalking (July 14, 2022) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sparc-judicial-guide-for-stalking **
- Judicial Officer Bench Card: Stalking https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sparc-judicial-bench-card-for-stalking (July 14, 2022) **
- SPARC, Stalking Behaviors Targeting Immigrant Victims (August 16, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/slii-stalking-immigrant-victims **
- Understanding Stalking for Immigrants (March 1, 2023)

    - English https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/understanding-stalking-for-immigrants-english; **
    - Spanish https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/understanding-stalking-for-immigrants-es
- "Stalking Literature" listing social science research publications on stalking and stalking behaviors. (March 2, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/stalking-literature **
- SPARC, Resources on Stalking for Judicial Officers https://www.stalkingawareness.org/judicial-officer-resources/ (July 14, 2022) +
- SPARC, U.S. Stalking Laws and Statutes https://www.stalkingawareness.org/map/ +
- SPARC offers more useful information on stalking on their Resources page SPARC offers more useful information on stalking on their Resources Page https://www.stalkingawareness.org/resources/ +

Forms of Immigration Relief

- Bench Card: Overview of Types of Immigration Status (October 14, 2013, Update April 22, 2022) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/bchcrd-immstatustypes *
- Family Court Bench Card on Immigration Relief for Battered Spouses, Children, and Immigrant Crime Victims (October 29, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/bench-card-on-immigration-relief-for-crime-victims *
- Bench Card: DHS Enforcement Priorities Information for State Court Judges (April 24, 2013, Updated December 27, 2021) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhsenforcementpriorities-benchcard/ *
- State courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children (November 2013) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sji-training-proposal *
- DHS Organizational Chart - Crime Victim Cases (April 16, 2019) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-org-chart-and-victims +

Immigration Relief for Crime Victims and Children

Know Your Rights Information

- DHS, Interactive Infographic on Protections for Immigrant Victims (November 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/infographic-on-protections-for-immigrant-victims +
- Immigration Options for Victims of Crime-Information for Law Enforcement, Healthcare Providers, and Other Front-Line Workers (January 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ops-immigration-options-for-victims-of-crime/
- DHS, Immigration Options for Victims of Crime -DHS Brochure (January 2025) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-options-victims-of-crimes/ +
- U.S. Department of State, Know Your Rights, You Have Rights While Working in the United States (Current as of October 10, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/know-your-rights-wilberforce-english/ +
- Multilingual Materials for Victims and Advocates (2024-2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/multilingual-materials-by-title *
    - NIWAP Brochure: Do You Have Problems at Home (English and 13 languages) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/safe-at-home-brochure-english **
    - NIWAP, Know Your Rights (English + 4 languages) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/brochure-know-your-rights-english **
    - NIWAP, Rights and Options for Battered Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Women (English and 5 languages) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/brochure-rights-and-options **
    - NIWAP, SPARC, Understanding Stalking for Immigrants (English and 2 languages) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/understanding-stalking-for-immigrants-english **
    - DHS, Immigration Options for Victims of Crime (Infographic -Shield) (English and 8 languages) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-shield-infographic/ +

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- DHS, Gender-Based Violence Pamphlets and Flyers (English and 10 languages) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs_genderbasedviolence/ +
- DHS, Immigration Options for Victims of Crime-Information for Law Enforcement, Healthcare Providers, and Other Front-Line Workers (January 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ops-immigration-options-for-victims-of-crime/
- DOJ OVC, Help Series for Crime Victims – Sexual Assault (English and 2 languages) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/helpbrochure_sexualviolence-english +
- TRLA, 12 Things Workers Should Know (2022) (English + 2 languages) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/12-things-workers-should-know +
- EEOC, Sexual Harassment (English and 10 languages) https://www.eeoc.gov/sexual-harassment+
- EEOC, Fact Sheet: Sexual Harassment Discrimination (English and 9 languages) https://www.eeoc.gov/laws/guidance/fact-sheet-sexual-harassment-discrimination +

- Pathways to Immigration Relief for Students (June 20, 2014) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/screening-students-for-immigraiton-protections/ *
- DHS, Information on the Legal Rights Available to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence in the United States and Facts about Immigrating on a Marriage-Based Visa (October 27, 2010) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/marriage-based-legal-rights +
- USCIS, Immigration Relief for Abused Children (May 1, 2016) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis_sijs_brochure +
- USCIS Brochure, Immigration Relief for Abused, Abandoned, or Neglected Children Special Immigrant Juvenile Classification (January 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis-sij-brochure-2024 +
- DHS, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Information for Juvenile Courts (July 1, 2014) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis-sijs-for-courts +
- DHS, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Information for Child Welfare Workers (July 1, 2014) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis-sijs-info-for-childwelfareworkers +
- DHS, Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT) Continued Presence Pamphlet https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/continued_presence_pamphlet_ccht_final.pdf +
- USCIS Brochure: Female Genital Mutilation or Cutting (January 27, 2017) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/fgmc_brochure_final/ +

Screening Tools

- Journal of Human Trafficking, 12 Question Predatory Helpfulness Screener (October 24, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/predatory-helpfulness-screener +
- Bench Card - Identifying Victims Who May Qualify for Immigration Relief (March 9, 2022) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/https-niwaplibrary-wcl-american-edu-pubs-judges-immigration-relief-tool *
- Comparing Forms of Immigration Relief for Immigrant Victims of Crime" (September 12, 2017) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-relief-forms-comparison *
- Comparison Chart of U visa, T Visa, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) (July 10, 2015) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/chart-vawa-t-u-sijs-daca/ *
- Family Court Proceedings in Winning Custody Cases for Immigrant Survivors: The Clash of Laws, Cultures, Custody and Parental Rights (Fall 2016) https://www.civicresearchinstitute.com/online/article_abstract.php?pid=6&iid=1269&aid=8306; and https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/BTB24-PreCon1E-11.pdf **
- Blue Card: Screening for Victims Who Qualify for Immigration Protective Relief (Squad Car Screening Tool) (March 2, 2018) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/screening-tool-victims-qualify *

- Glossary of Terms for Work with Immigrant Survivors https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-z-glossary *

DHS Immigration Policies and Congressional Legislative History

- USCIS Issues Final Rule to Adjust Certain Immigration and Naturalization Fees (January 30, 2024) (Exempting VAWA, T visas, U visas, and Special Immigrant Juveniles from all immigration case fees from filing through lawful permanent residency) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/2024-fee-rule-release +
- How Immigration Law and Policies Impact State Courts — When Children and Litigants are Victims of Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, or Sexual Assault (NCJFCJ, In-Session -Fall 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ncjfcj-in-session-fall-2023-dhs-policies-and-courts **
- USCIS Policy Update: VAWA Confidentiality and Safe Address for Survivor-Based Petitions (April 11, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-confidentiality-policy-update-safe-address +
- Katrina Castillo, Alexandra Spratt, Catherine Longville, Courtney Veneri, Abigail Whitmore, Meera Patel and Leslye E. Orloff, "Legislative History of VAWA, T and U-Visas, Battered Spouse Waiver, and VAWA Confidentiality" Updates include the legislative history of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (June 17, 2015, Updated January 5, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-t-u-leg-history *
- DHS Takes Victim-Centered Approach Press Release (October 20, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-victim-centered-approach +
- NIWAP, New Department of Homeland Security Policies Released in 2021 and 2022: Importance for Immigrant Survivors (October 14, 2021, Updated May 17, 2022**)** https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-policy-updates *
- Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), U.S. Department of Justice, Provide Guidence to Adjudicator on Administrative Closure in Light of *Matter of Cruz-Valdez*, 28 I&N Dec. 326 (A.G. 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/22-03_eoir_admin_closure +
- Executive Order 14012 Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans (February 1, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/eo-14012-biden-immigration-2-2-21/+
- DHS Guidelines for the Enforcement of Civil Immigration Law (September 30, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/mayorkas-civil-imm-guide-sept-21 +
- ICE, Interim Guidance to OPLA Attorneys Regarding Civil Immigration Enforcement and Removal Policies and Priorities https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/trasvina-opla-interim-guidance-civil-enforcement-priorities-5-27-21/. +
- ICE Directive 11005.3 – Using a Victim-Centered Approach with Noncitizen Crime Victims (August 10, 2021) niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/sji-njn-materials/. https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/wp-content/uploads/ICE-Victim-Centered-Directive-11005.3.pdf +
- Policy Alert USCIS Expedite Criteria (June 9, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/policy-alert-uscis-expedite-criteria +
- USCIS Policy Manual Chapter 5 – Requests to Expedite Applications or Petitions (October 1, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis-expedite-criteria +
- How to Make an Expedite Request (June 9, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/how-to-make-an-expedite-request +

U and T Visa Certification

Toolkits, Bench Cards, Fact Sheets

- U Visa and T Visa Declaration Toolkits https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/u-visa-and-t-visa-declaration-toolkits/*
- U Visa Certification: Ethical Considerations for Judicial Officers (December 31. 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u_visa_ethics_article/ **

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- U Visa Certification and T Visa Declaration Toolkit for Federal, State and Local Judges, Commissioners, Magistrates and Other Judicial Officers (June 17, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/judges-u-and-t-certification-toolkit-2 *
- Child Protective Services Agency Toolkit: U Visa Certification, T Visa Declaration, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Violence Against Women Act Immigration Relief for Abused Immigrant Children (December 31, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/cps-toolkit/ **
- CPS Role Toolkit Excerpts – CPS Role Practice Pointers, From U Visa Certification, T Visa Declaration, SIJS and VAWA Immigration Relief for Abused Immigrant Children (July 8, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/cps-role-toolkit-excerpts/ **
- CPS Toolkit Quick Reference Guides – From U Visa Certification, T Visa Declaration, SIJS and VAWA Immigration Relief for Abused Immigrant Children (July 8, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/cps-toolkit-quick-reference/ **
- U Visa Certification and T Visa Declaration Toolkit for Adult Protective Services (APS) (October 19, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/aps-u-visa-toolkit/**
- U Visa Criminal Activities and Helpfulness Handout (August 11, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-criminal-activities-helpfulness-handout/**
- U and T Visa Certification State Law Requirements: Review, Comparison, and Trends (August 30, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-and-t-visa-certification-state-law-requirements/ **
- Maryland U Visa Certification Law (October 1, 2025) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/md-u-and-t-visa-certification/ *
- NIWAP, Newsletter USCIS Creates the HART Virtual Service Center for Humanitarian Immigration Relief and U.S. Department of Labor OSHA's U and T Visa Certification Policy (March 30, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hart-dol-newsletter **
- Model U and T Visa certification Protocol for State Courts (October 29, 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-t-visa-certification-protocol-courts *
- Hennepin County Attorney's Office U Visas and T Visas Certification Policy (Full Policy)(January 8, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hcao-uvisa-policy-updated-2024/ +
- Hennepin County Attorney's Office U Visas and T Visas Certification Policy (March 7, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u_t-visa-_cert-policy-hennepin-county/ +
- U Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide (February 28, 2022) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-certification-resource-guide-2022 +
- DHS U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide (November, 2015) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-updated-u-certification-resource-guide-2015/ +
- State U and T Visa Certification Laws http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/state-u-visa-certification-laws/
- Bench Card: U and T Visa Certification Reporting Requirements in California (June 25, 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ca-bench-card-u-t-reporting *
- U and T Visa Certifications and Certification Reporting Requirements in California (June 25, 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ca-u-t-visa-certification-reporting *
- California: U visa certification law (2016)- statute and fact sheet (September 9, 2017) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/california-sb-674-u-cert-law *
- Chevron Doctrine and U Visa Certification (April 2, 2019 (Updated June 12, 2021)) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/chevron-doctrine-u-visa-certification/ *
- USCIS U Visa Certification Fact Sheet Q&A (October 22, 2011) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-relief-victims-trafficking-and-other +

U Visas and U Visa Certification Training Tools and Articles

- U Visa Quick Reference for Judges (October 14, 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-quick-reference-guide-for-judges *

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- U Visa Certifications: Range of Potential Certifiers at the Local, State, and Federal Government Levels (December 30, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-range-of-potential-fcertifiers *
- U Visa Timeline with Background Checks (August 11, 2024) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-timeline *
- U-Visa Application Flow Chart (October 14, 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-flowchart_judges *
- U Visa Protections for Family Members (July 3, 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-family-member *
- U-Visa: "Helpfulness" Checklist (October 21, 2019) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-helpfulness-checklist *
- DHS Policy Answers to Law Enforcement Reasons for Not Certifying (September 27, 2013) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-answers-to-reasons-for-not-certifying **
- Stories From the Field: the Crime Fighting Effectiveness of the U Visa (August 23, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-crime-fighting-stories *
- Understanding the Judicial Role in U-Visa Certification, *American Journal of Family Law*** (August 21, 2018) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/judicial-role-u-visa-cert **
- Immigrant Crime Victims and U Visa Certification – What is it and Why Should Judges Care? (National) (July 8, 2015) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/national-uvisa-judicial-training-update/ +
- Immigrant Crime Victims and U Visa Certification – What is it and Why Should Judges Care? (Minnesota) (July 8, 2015) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/minnesota-uvisa-judicial-training-update/ +
- U Visa Certification by Judges: Minnesota Board of Judicial Standards Opinion (June 26, 2015) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/mn-broard-judicial-standards-opinion-2015-2-final/ +
- Collection of U Visa News Articles (November 7, 2017) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-news-articles/ *
- The Importance of the U-visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool for Law Enforcement Officials - Views from Around the Country (December 3, 2012) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-crime-fighting-tool **
- Protecting Our Communities and Officer Safety (July 24, 2016) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/may_june_sheriff **
- Overcoming Fear and Building Trust With Immigrant Communities and Crime Victims (Police Chief Magazine April 2018) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/policechief_april-2018_building-trust-immigrant-victims/ **
- National Survey on Types of Criminal Activities: Experienced By U-Visa Recipients (November 29, 2011) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-criminal-activities-survey/ **
- Expert Advice for Judges: How to Handle U Visa Certification Requests (Webinar) (December 1, 2014) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/december-1-2014-expert-advice-for-judges-webinar/ *
- U Visas: Victims of Criminal Activity (August 8, 2023) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-chapter-2023 *

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